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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—1884-5.

G. A. Nunnally, W. S. Rogers, W. H. Patterson, J. E. McCormick, Z. T. Weaver, A. H. Borders, T. H. Stont, J. D. Roquemore, W. N. Reeves, J. A. Walker and B. B. Davis.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN BOUNDS OF ASSOCIATION.

G. A. Nunnally, D. D. Eufaula.
T. H. Stout, Eufaula.
A. H. Borders, Clayton.
Z. T. Weaver, Harris
I. P. Chency, Hurtsboro.
W. H. Patterson, Eufaula.
W. N. Reeves, D. D., Eufaula.
H. E. Brooks, Eufaula.
H. R. Schramm, Glennville.
W. S. Rogers, Clayton, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS IN BOUNDS OF ASSOCIATION.

Riley Herring, Louisville.
L. D Hughes, Louisville.
G. W. Harrison, Clayton
C. J. Stephens, Eufaula.
J. B. Bludworth, Star Hill.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

Sabbath Schools—R. L Baker, G. B. Thomas and Mr. L. Long.
State Misssions -W. A. Bishop, M. Jones and A. W. Beverly.
Home Missions—A. B Starke, J. A. Cobb and H. W. B. Price.
Foreign Missions—W. S. Paullin, W. H. Lanier and James Fenn.
Obituaries—R. R. Gary, T. D. Morton and J. A. Green.
Education—E. S. Shorter, J. D. Roquemore and Exton Tucker.
Indignet Ministers—J. E. McCormick, J. J. S. Willis and J. G. Sinquefield.
Bible and Colportage Work—H. B. Florence, Geo. Boyer and J. U. Roquemore.
Evangelization of the Colored People—A. H. Borders, A. H. Steven and D. H. Blair.

PREACHERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—W. S. Rogers.
ALTERNATE—H. R. Schramm.
MISSIONARY SERMON—T. H. Stout.
ALTERNATE—W. H. Patterson.

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MINUTES.

1. The Eufaula Association convened with Hurtsboro Baptist Church, in its Thirty-Second Annual Session at 7:30 P. M.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Z. T. Weaver, from the text: "While I was musing the fire burned," Ps. 39:3.

FRIDAY MORNING.

3. The Moderator W. H. Patterson, called the Association to order and conducted devotional exercises fifteen minutes.

4. The letters from the Churches were read by T. M. Bailey, and T. H. Stout.

5. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

BETHLEHEM—J. E. McCormick.

CENTRE RIDGE—W. M. Whittington, A. B. Burr, H. J. Ward and J. J. M. Hodge.

CLAYTON—W. S. Rogers, and A. H. Borders.

COWIKEE—Not represented.

ENON—M. Jones, T. D. Martin, J. Prudden, —— Edgar.

EUFAULA—G. A. Nunnally, W. H. Patterson, H. R. Schramm, T. H Stout, Geo. B. Davis, and John D. Roquemore.

EVERGREEN—W. D. Bludworth.

GLENNVILLE—W. S. Paullin and James A. Roquemore.

HAWKINSVILLE—H. Hawkins.

HURTSBORO—G. A. Ferrell, T. R. Leslie, Exton Tucker, A. H. Stevens, J. T. Eperson and C. B. Arington.

MIDWAY—W. C. Jordan, G. B. Thomas, W. J. Jordan, and H. B. Florence.

MT. MORIAH—Not represented.

MT. OLIVE—D. H. Blair, W. A. Bishop and J. B. Hooten.

MT. ZION—J. R. Vaun, R. L. Baker, W. H. Lanier, A. W. Beverly, R. J. Orr.

NEW HOPE—N. Lewis, B. M. Gatchet.

PEA CREEK—F. M. Grubs.

PINE GROVE—George Boyer.

PLEASANT GROVE—W. M. Spires, W. M. Seay and J. A. Seay.

PLEASANT HILL—W. H. Patterson, (Proxy.)

PROSPECT—S. C. Benton, J. A. Green, A. J. Norton, M. N. McEachern.

RAMAH—J. A. Cobb, R. R. Gary, W. W. Vaughan, M. L. Vaughan, A. B. Starke, E. L. Graves.

SARDIS—J. M. Wilkes, Sam Wilkes and J. W. Armstrong.

UNION—J. T. Watkins and James Fenn.

6. W. H. Patterson was re-elected Moderator, W. S. Rogers was elected Clerk and A. S. Starks was re-elected Treasurer.

7. All elected delegates present without their church letters were declared members of the body.

8. The Moderator announced the following committees as reported at this session.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Hurtsboro Church, and R. J. Orr.

State of the Churches—C. Thompson, H. J. Ward, W. M. Spires.

Finance—J. T. Watkins, W. W. Vaughan, J. E. McCormick.

Nominations—G. B. Thomas, J. U. Wilkes and J. A. Green.

9. Correspondence were received as follows.

Centennial Association—J. E. Chambliss, F. Boykin, J. Y. Boyd.

Chattahootchie Association, Georgia—A. VanHoose.

Brundridge Church—E. M. VanHoose.

Tuskegee Association—J. P. Cheney, Yancy Swearinger.

10. Representatives were received as follow :

State Mission Board—T. M. Bailey.

Alabama Baptist—T. M. Bailey.

11. Ten minutes were given to T. M. Bailey, to advocate the claims of the Alabama Baptist.

12. The Report of the Executive Committee, was read by T. H. Stout as follows :

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR—1884-85.

The Committee held its First Session in Eufaula, Dec. 5th, 1884, and organized by electing Rev. A. H. Borders, Chairman ; Brother W. A. Davis, Secretary, and Brother B. B. Davis, Treasurer. The Committee have held three meetings during the year ; the first as stated above, the second, Nov. 23rd, and the third, Oct. 21st.

At the meeting held Nov. 23rd, Brother W. A. Davis resigned the position of Secretary, and T. H. Stout was elected to fill the vacancy.

Rev. G. A. Nunnally, D. D., was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. J. E. Chambliss moving beyond the bounds of the Association, and Brother S. G. Robertson was appointed to fill the vacancy made by Brother W. A. Davis moving to Montgomery. At the request of Brother Borders, Dr. G. A. Nunnally, was made Chairman of the Committee.

QUORUM.

At the first meeting, three members were made a quorum for the trans-

action of business, from that time henceforth.

REV. H. R. SCHRAMM.

The Committee excused Brother Schramm, from work in the bou nds of the Association until the next meeting at the Association, and recommended him to the State Board as a Colporteur. He, however, continued his studies at Howard College, and graduated at the recent Commencement with honor ; at which the Committee are much gratified. Brother Schramm, spent part of the past summer, assisting in protracted meetings within our bounds, and did much good as we believe.

HAWKINSVILLE AND PLEASANT HILL CHURCHES.

The Committee recommended these two Churches to unite and put up a building at Howe ; but for some reason it has not been done.

HELP FROM THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

In accordance with the suggestion made at the last session of the Association, the State Mission Board were requested to supplement the salary of Rev. A. H. Borders, to the amount of $75.

INSTRUCTIONS ASKED.

The one hundred dollars ($100) appropriated two years since, to aid Bro. G. W. Harrison, in obtaining an education, has been sent on to Bro. T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, to be placed to the credit of the Association; but no disposition has been made of it. We ask therefore, the Association to instruct us how the same shall be used.

THE S. S. CONVENTION

A Sunday School Convention was appointed to be held with the Church at Clayton, to begin on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in May, and a programme of exercises was prepared for the meeting. For an account of the Convention refer to their Minutes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business for this Session was printed and distributed by mail through the bounds of the Association.

BALANCE IN TREASURY.

A Balance of seventeen dollars and seventy-seven cents, ($17.77) appears in the hands of our Treasurer.

We ask the Association to appropriate the same.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The Report of our Treasurer is herewith presented as a part of this Report.

Respectfully submitted

G. A. NUNNALLY, Chairman.
T. H. STOUT, Secretary.

BENJ. B. DAVIS, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE EUFAULA ASSOCIATION.

1884	DR.			
Oct. 28	To amount G. W. Harrison fund	$100 00		
	To balance minute fund 1883	14 34		
	To amount minute fund 1884	40 00	—154	34
1884	CR			
	By G. W. Harrison fund remitted to T. M. Bailey	$100 00		
	By printing minutes of 1884	28 12		
1885	By postage on minutes of 1884	3 40		
Sept. 29	By paid for church letter blanks	50		
	By paid for postage on letter blanks	25		
	By paid printing order business	4 00		
	By paid postage on order business	30	—136	57
	Leaving cash on hand		17	77

The report was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of R. L. Baker, W. A. Bishop and W. J. Jordan.

13. The Report on Sunday Schools not being ready, the subject of Sunday Schools was discussed by W. S. Rogers, A. B. Starke, Z. T. Weaver, W. C. Jordan, G. A. Nunnally, T. M. Bailey and J. E. Chambliss.

FRIDAY EVENING 2:30 P. M.

14. After singing and prayer by W. S. Rogers, the Association proceeded to business.

15. The Report on Bible and Colportage Work was read by Z. T. Weaver, and discussed by T. M. Bailey, and G. A. Nunnally and then adopted as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTEUR WORK.

No part of our Christian duty should be a greater source of pleasure than that of disseminating the word of God, and yet no part of our duty is more sadly neglected than this. Not only should the Bible be spread every where among the people, but other such religious books and tracts as will furnish them with the truth expanded and its morals enforced.

People (and especially young people) will read, and in the absence of truth they will read fiction. This fact is too well attested by the amount of trashy literature with which our country is flooded.

Booksellers are aware of the growing fondness for exciting stories and bloody tragedies, and hence we see on our railroads and streets, agents with all kinds of periodicals, cheap novels and sensational newspapers for sale. That this trash finds ready sale is evident, or else those who are engaged in the business would abandon it This evil which is ever on the increase

should be met, and ways and means be instituted at once to arrest the already vitiated taste of our reading public.

The churches are not now, and never have been sufficiently interested in giving to the world the holy word of God, and in supplying our young people with the needed help to fortify themselves against the encroachments of evil, companions in the way of wicked books.

According to the statement of our corresponding Secretary to the Alabama State Convention twenty-six Missionaries carried supplies of books, and eight acted exclusively as Colporteurs.

We candidly ask can these few men do anything scarcely towards supplying the destitutes?

It is more the object of this report, however, to call attention to this work in the Eufaula Association than elsewhere.

There is now, no colporteur in the territory of the Association, although a great need of one exists at this very time. Our people have to depend upon the bookstores, which are not convenient to the masses, and more particularly to those who stand most in need of books and tracts.

Can anything be done? We answer yes. Fifty dollars would be capital enough to begin with; this sum could be given over to judicious brethren for employment, and thus save the expense of hiring an agent.

Under this plan the dividends could be added to theprincipal, and in a short time we would have the pleasure of seeing the original capital doubled.

The American Baptist Publication Society has several Colporteur funds that have been doubled in a few years by adding the dividends to the principal.

While we can not hope to do so prosperous a business as that institution has done, we might at least do so much as is suggested in this report, and who knows but under the providence of God, we might set a wave in motion that would gather strength as it moved, and result in lasting good to our Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted, Z. T. WEAVER,
Chairman.

16. The Report on State Missions was read by E. L. Graves, and after being discussed by T. H. Stout, T. M. Bailey, Z. T. Weaver and J. E. Chambliss, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

As statistics have already been furnished as to what has been done by the State Mission Board by our worthy secretary (T. M. Bailey) it is not necessary for us to restate them here. It should be very gratifying to us to know that we have such a faithful secretary, and faithful missionaries, and that God has so greatly prospered the work in their hands. A victorious army, though, should not stop to rejoice over past victories when there is so much yet to overcome and conquer. The picket line has just began to retreat, the main line has not yet been reached. What we have done should

only renew us to do greater things for our Lord and Master. There is much yet to do before our work shall be accomplished.

We have cities springing up all over the State that need the work of the Missionaries in their midst, besides the many neglected places in the country. We would cite your special attention to the needs of many of our country churches. Churches who were once "powers in the land" for doing much good, are now becoming weak, and some of them have so declined numerically and financially that it is not easy even now to furnish them help to sustain their very existence. People of the wealthier class are moving to the towns and cities, and from this cause the churches naturally suffer. We deem it unnecessary for us to cite you further as you claim the name of Missionary Baptist, and as you have commenced a great work for the Master we know that he will aid you to accomplish a greater work if you will act and trust him,

Respectfully submitted.

EUGENE L. GRAVES, Chairman.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

17. Sermon by J. E. Chambliss. Text : John 8, 28,

SATURDAY—9 A. M.

18. After singing and prayer by G. A. Nunnally, the body proceeded to business.

19. Returned correspondence as follows :

To the Centennial Association—R. L. Baker, J. R. Vaun, R. J. Orr, W. C. Jordan.

To Columbus Association—A. B. Starke, and W. C. Jordan.

To Newton Association—J. T. Watkins and J. E. McCormick.

To Salem Association—R. J. Orr and W. H. Lanier.

To Tuskegee Association—J. A. Cobb and A. B. Starke.

To Montgomery Association—W. C. Jordan, E. L. Graves, G. A. Nunnally and W. H. Lanier.

20. The following resolution was read by Z. T. Weaver, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we exonerate brother H. R. Schramm from all indebtedness to the association, and furthermore, that we absolve him from any further obligation to this body.

21. Brother Schramm made remarks expressive of his gratitude for the aid which the association has given him in getting an education.

22. I. P. Cheney made remarks expressive of his feeling of gratitude for help extended to him to enable him to attend the S. B. T. Seminary.

23. The report on Home Missions was called for, but their being no

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report ready, on motion of Z. T. Weaver, the report made by T.M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board on Home Missions, was adopted by the Association as follows :

Work done during the Southern Baptist Conventional year of 1884-85 :

Number of Missionaries, 185 ; Churches and Stations, 426 ; weeks of labor, 4,061 ; Sermons and Addresses, 17,039; Prayer meetings attended, 2,840 ; Baptisms, 2,931 ; received by letter, 1,733 ; total additions, 4,664 , Sunday schools reported, 173 ; teachers and pupils, 6,194; miles traveled, 164,937 ; religious visits, 22,818 ; Churches aided to build houses 14 ; Churches constituted, 53.

In Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, Western North Carolina, and among the Indians the Home Board is doing an extensive work. The building up of towns and cities on the new lines of railroads now being so rapidly constructed in these States, opens large and inviting fields for this Board to occupy; and the duty of adequately meeting the wants of these fields with men and means, and thus laying the foundation of permanent denominational prosperity, must be apparent to every thinking mind. In New Orleans the work is making steady and hopeful progress. Industrial schools have been established and mission stations opened up, which bid fair by and by to grow into churches. Let Pastors see to it that liberal contributions are made next fall and winter to Home Missions. The Board expects from Alabama $4,000

The subject of Home Missions was then discussed by G. A. Nunnally, and W. S. Rogers.

24. A memorial from the S. S. convention prepared by B. Davie, was referred to the Ex. Committee.

25. The following preamble and resolutions were offered by W. S. Rogers, which were laid on the table, and subsequently taken off the table and discussed by W. S. Rogers, G. A. Nunnally, W. A. Bishop, Z. T. Weaver and W. C. Jordan, and then referred to the Executive Committee:

WHEREAS, There is great need of parsonages in our Association and believing that the strength and efficiency of our churches would be largely increased if they would secure to themselves parsonages, and believing that something can and ought to be done by the Association to encourage and enable the churches to secure homes for their pastors, therefore

Resolved, I. That a board, consisting of seven brethren, be appointed; which shall be denominated "The Parsonage Building Board," with powers and duties as follows :

1. The Board shall endeavor by such methods as shall best approve themselves to their wisdom, to collect a fund, and use the same in aiding churches in the Eufaula Association in building parsonages.

2. The Board shall require all property which it may aid in purchasing to become legally bound for the loans made for the purchase of the same, and require it to be free from other encumbrance.

3. It shall require its loans to be paid back in five equal annual install-

ments with legal interest. But it may, if the church proposing to build should desire, take notes for the loan so as to embrace less time in the payment. It shall not, however, foreclose any mortgage so long as the church keeps the interest paid up and the property in good repair, unless so directed by the Association in session.

4. It shall not loan to a church more than one half the amount necessary to purchase or build the parsonage.

5. When the Board has five hundred dollars in hand it shall inform the churches of that fact and aid the church first applying in accordance with the conditions therein stated to it for aid.

6. The Board shall make full reports to the Association at its annual sessions.

7. The actual expenses of the Board shall be met out of the general fund of the Board.

Resolved 2nd. The board herein provided for, shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations at the annual sessions of the Association.

26. The Report on Foreign Missions was read by W. C. Jordan, and after discussion by T. M. Bailey, A. H. Borders and G. A. Nunnally, was adopted as follows :

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The foreign mission enterprise is not an experiment. Long since the enlightened conscience of the christian, accepted the commission to carry the knowledge of Christ to all people.

Bound by the Word of the Lord and infused by his Spirit, we cannot suffer our zeal in this work, to depend on the encouragement to be found in success. We may however thank God and take courage when in view of the wonderful conquests of the gospel in these lands so long shrouded in darkness and haunted by superstition.

Since the day when the command entered the souls of a few men and spurred them forth to the seemingly impossible task, the world has witnessed the splendid spectacle, continents being steadily redeemed from pagan corruptions, of idleness, of ignorance and vice, blossoming with christian graces ; of crushed hearts bounding with new lives until the earth is wrapped around in a belt of love and praises, like a bride adorning herself for the bridegroom. It is occasion for our special gratitude, that the master has distinguished the efforts of the Southern Baptist, among all who have engaged in this great work. The singular success which has attended the labors of our brethren in China and Africa and Italy and Brazil and Mexico, has surprised the world, and far surpasses the hopes of the most trusting among us.

We have now in these fields 106 missionaries and native assistants. The men during the last year have reported more than 200 baptisms, and large numbers in schools. Churches are established in many places, native convicts are rapidly developing into symetrical christian characters and acquiring the arts of self-control and development.

The gates are all wide open, and true men and women called of God, stand ready to go. It only remains, that we, who go not forth ourselves consecrate our means, and the near future shall bring the answer to our prayers on the day when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, and the kingdoms of the Lord and of this world become the Kingdoms of his Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. JORDAN,
Chairman of Committee.

SATURDAY—2:30 P. M.

27. After singing, A. VanHoose led the Association in prayer.

28. The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read by A. H. Borders, and adopted as follows :

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that whilst there are several aged and infirm ministers within the bounds of this Association, it cannot be said that any of them are in such a condition as to require the aid of the Association. It should be esteemed a cause of gratitude to God, that our churches have not the duty thrown upon them of supporting those who have been worn out, or become helpless in the work. This fact should the more deeply impress us with the duty of sending our means abroad to other associations. The aged and infirm ministers in other associations should receive our attention and care. Such ministers often live in associations and communities which are not able or not willing to provide for their wants. This association should therefore, earnestly and heartily co-operate with the Board, which has charge of this very important and indispensible work. Your Committee therefore most earnestly recommend that the churches keep constantly in mind the duty of contributing of their means, for the support of those brethren whose age infirmity or poverty has made it impossible for them to support themselves or families, no matter whether they live in this or other associations of the state.

A. H. BORDERS, Chairman Committee.

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29. The report on the State of the churches was read by C. Thompson and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Bethlehem—Numerically, Decrease; Spiritually, about the same; Protracted meetings, yes, 9 days; no regular prayer-meeting; Sunday school, not well attended, little interest manifested. The school does not receive the co-operation of the church.

Centre Ridge—Numerically and Spiritually, the same as last year; Protracted meeting of 7 days, aided by Brethren Rogers and Schramm with good result; Prayer-meeting, yes, not well attended; Sunday school, yes, only a few interested.

Clayton—Numerically and Spiritually, increased; Protracted meeting, yes aided by Dr. Nunnerly; Prayer-meeting, yes, well attended; Sabbath school, flourishing and receives the co-operation of the church.

Pine Grove—Numerically and Spiritually, about the same; Prayer-meeting, Sunday school, none; No protracted meeting.

Cowikee,—Numerically, not reported; Spiritually, greatly increased; Prayer-meeting, no; Sabbath school, none.

Enon—Numerically, small; Spiritually, good; Prayer-meeting, none; Sabbath school none.

Eufaula—Numerically, increased; Spiritually, greatly increased since the 15th day of last January, at which time Bro. G. A. Nunnerly accepted the charge of the church. Ordained on 20th, September last, Bro. J. H. Reeves a Deacon, held a protracted meeting of thirteen days with good result. Prayer-meetings well attended with much interest; Sabbath school well attended with an unusual amount of the co-operations of the church.

Evergreen—Numerically and Spiritually, no report; Protracted meeting of eight days, aided by Bro. J. D. Bloodworth; No sunday school; No prayer-meeting; Ordained Bro. F. J. Kenedy Deacon.

Glennville—Spiritually, not reported; No Sunday school; No prayer-meeting.

Hawkinsville—Numerically and Spiritually, not reported; No religious services of any kind.

Hurtsboro—Numerically and Spiritually, increased; Contributions double last year; Protracted, yes, aided by Brethren Hart and Schramm; Prayer-meeting weekly with much interest manifested; Sabbath school, yes, and receives the co-operation of the church.

Midway—Numerically and Spiritually, increased; Protracted meeting of eighteen days with good result; Weekly prayer-meeting with much interest; Sunday school in good condition, it receives the co-operation of the church; Called Bro. W. H. Patterson to the pastorate.

Mt. Moriah—No Letter, nor Delegate.

Mt. Olive—Numerically, weak; Spiritually, good; Protracted, yes; Prayer-meeting, no; Sunday school, yes.

Mt. Zion—Numerically, weaker; Spiritually, not reported; no protracted meeting; no prayer-meeting; no sunday school.

New Hope,—Numerically and Spiritually, same; Protracted meeting aided by Bro. Schramm; Prayer-meeting for five months; Sunday school five months and does not receive the co-operation of the church; Bro. Rogers called to the Pastorate.

Pea Creek—Spiritually, no report; Protracted meeting, yes; no prayer-meeting; Union Sunday school.

Pleasant Grove—Numerically and Spiritually, no increase; protracted meeting, yes, aided by Bro. Schramm; no Sunday school nor prayermeeting.

Pleasant Hill—Numerically and Spiritually, weak; prayer-meeting, yes; Sunday school—Bro. W. H. Patterson preaches for us in the fifth Sabbath.

Prospect—Numerically and Spiritually, increased; protracted meeting aided by Brethren Rogers and Schramm; prayer-meeting with little interest; Sunday school, none.

Ramah—Numerically, less than last report; Spiritual condition not as good as it should be; protracted meeting aided by Bro. Schramm, with good results; no prayer-meeting; Sunday school, good attendance; Bro. Borders having resigned, Bro. Weaver was called to the Pastorate. We cordially invite the next association to meet with us.

Sardis—Numerically and Spiritually, same; no prayer-meeting; no Sunday school; Sardis asks for a letter of dismissal to join a new association to be organized at Pine Level Church on the fourth sunday in November.

Union—Numerically and Spiritually, good; Protracted meeting aided by Bro. Schramm; prayer meeting weekly, not much interest; Sunday school, none.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. THOMPSON.
W. M. SPIERS.

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30. A letter of dismission was granted to Sardis Church.

31. The report on the Evangelization of the Colored People was read by A. W. Beverly, and after discussion by W. S. Rogers, A. VanHoose, H. Hawkins and E. Y. VanHoose, was adopted as follow :

REPORT ON EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

We, your Committee submit the following:

The evangelization of colored people is a matter of considerable gravity. These people are exceedingly religious, they have a zeal for God, but without knowledge. As a rule they are ignorant of the first principal of the christian religion, and hence their religious life is very defective.

We believe that so far we have failed to meet the needs of this people ; and we are sure that a responsibility rests upon us to labor at least, for their advancement in religious life.

While there is not much being done in our state, we are informed that our State Board has in its employ two colored evangelists. We find it difficult to even make suggestions as to what should be done in our association. We venture however, to suggest that our preachers improve such opportunities as may present themselves to preach to them, and to instruct them privately in the doctrines and principles of the Bible.

Respectfully Submitted, A. W. BEVERLY,
Chairman.

32. A. B. Starke reported verbally that God had spared the lives of all our ministers through another year.

33. The Committee on Nominations made its report which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations made its report which was adopted as follows:

To preach the Introductory Sermon—W. S. Rogers.

Alternate—H. R. Schramm.

To preach the Missionary Sermon—T. H. Stout.

Alternate—W. H. Patterson.

Executive Committee—G. A. Nunnally, W. S. Rogers, W. H. Patterson, J. E. McCormick, Z. T. Weaver, A. H. Borders, T. H. Stout, J. D. Roquemore, W. N. Reeves, J. A. Walker and B. B. Davis.

Delegates to the State Convention—W. H. Patterson, W. S. Rogers, A. B. Starke, T. H. Stout, G. A. Nunnally, Z. T. Weaver, A. H. Borders, J. G. Singuefield, W. C. Jordan, J. A. Foster, B. Davie, J. E. McCormick, E. L. Graves, J. U. Wilkes, M. L. Long.

G. B. THOMAS, Chairman.

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34. A. B. Starke Treasurer and J. T. Watkins Chairman of the Finance Committee made their reports which were adopted as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Ministers.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Miss.	Ministeri'l education--H. Col.	Associational Purposes.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible Work.	Evangelization of colored people.	Total.
Bethlehem	$2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 15 30	.....	.....	.....	17 30
Centre Ridge	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 10	.....	.....	.....	25 10
Clayton	2 00	10.39	8 35	.....	4 70	54 08	.....	.....	.....	80 00
Cowikee	1 00	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00
Enon	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 10	.....	.....	.....	22 60
Eufaula	4 45	153 95	72 15	85 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	330 55
Evergreen	1 50	.....	2 75	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Glennville	1 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	22 00
Hawkinsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hurtsboro	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00
Midway	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	153 00	.....	.....	.....	156 00
Mt. Moriah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive	1 00	.....	14 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Mt. Zion	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 80	.....	.....	.....	53 80
New Hope	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 75	.....	.....	.....	16 75
Pea Creek	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Pine Grove	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	8 50
Pleasant Grove	1 50	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50
Pleasant Hill	25	1 75	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Prospect	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	28 00
Ramah	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 35	.....	.....	.....	40 35
Sardis	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Union	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 10	.....	.....	.....	20 10
Collection on Saturday	.....	.....	.....	35 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 10
Total	$34 20	$171 59	$119 25	$136 85	$ 4 70	$ 479 08	$3 00	.....	$15 00	$963 65

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. B. STARKE *in account with*
THE EUFAULA ASSOCIATION.

1885. DR.
Oct. 24.—To amount received of Finance Committee.....$963 04

1885. CR.
Oct. 24.—By amount paid T. M. Bailey, to be appropriated by State Mission Board..... .. $928 94
" " By amount paid W. S. Rogers for printing and distributing Minutes..... 34 10—$963 04

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. STARKE, Treasurer.

35. The report on Education was read by the Clerk and after discussion by G. A. Nunnally and T. M. Bailey was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Brethren of the Eufaula Baptist Association in session at Hurtsboro :

Your Committee on Education takes great pleasure in reporting that the interest taken by the people in the education of the young is growing and spreading in our bounds and throughout the state. As a denomination, it is true that nothing is being done directly to foster and establish common schools. It seems to be conceded that primary education, and common school education shall be given over to the schools under the control of the State Government, and such private or common schools as may be established and supported by the voluntary efforts of those residing near them.

Whether the Baptist or any other denominational bodies of Christians will ever find it in their power and in accord with their interest to undertake any system of common schools, may be well doubted. It may be true that when the mind is very tender, and when the education is to be confined to a common school education, it is for the highest importance that common school education should be very carefully guarded, and care should be taken that education and christianity be not divorced. It may also be conceded that it is far more important that elementary education be more carefully guarded and protected from improper and lawful influences than higher education.

But it is impracticable for us as a denomination, and in fact it is impossible for any denomination to establish and maintain a system of denominational common schools. Whether it is best or not, this matter must be left in the hands of the State Government, aided as it has been, by the Federal Government and supplimented by local and voluntary aid of the people.

But while nearly all denominations of Christians surrender to the state and local temporary schools, the common school education of the people,

there is a very generous disposition to assert and claim a permanent part in what is called higher education. While the Federal Government has endowed two Colleges for the higher education of young men, and the State under these endowments, is carrying out in good faith the important trusts, zealous Christian or denominational organizations, have established Colleges and schools for the higher education of both, young men and young women. The Baptist not choosing to undertake to do anything in the common schools, have boldly entered upon efforts to aid in the great work of higher education, and with such success that often it is thought the young men who are educated in Howard College, have enjoyed equal, if not superior advantages to those who have been educated in the Colleges endowed so munificently by the Federal Government ; and in the education of young women, the government, State, nor Federal having provided, the denominational schools are doing a great work. In the Judson Female College, and in the Alabama Central Female College splendid and successful work is being done.

Your Committee therefore earnestly hope that in the great work of higher education in the State, the Baptist and all other denominations will continue to prosecute their work. Not one nor all the Colleges and Normal Schools in the State, can supply the demand for higher education. If the number of the students in each of them was quadrupled, still there would be many sadly in want of that education thus to be given. No greater sorrow can be made than to suppose that one of these Colleges is in the way of another, they are in fact twin sisters, each in its sphere, making many happy, and spreading blessings all around. In future years many will remember with grateful thoughts their alumniater at Howard, Judson, Alabama Central, A. & M. at Auburn, Union at Tuscaloosa, Southern University at Greensboro, Florence, Spring Hill, and Tuskegee.

The education of the people is of prime necessity, and common school education is of more importance, if possible, than higher education. The greatest of all want ever in Alabama is a well conducted system of common school education. But schools with half educated teachers is an evil of the greatest magnitude. Where are we to get the teachers for our common schools? How long are these schools to remain as now they are, in the hands of ignorant and disqualified teachers? We must have teachers for the common schools—where are we to get them ? They must be educated in our own Colleges and high schools. Already, every year Tuscaloosa, Auburn, Marion, Greensboro, Florence, Tuskegee, and other places are turning them out. Let us not be remiss in this important matter ; let these young men and young women go out into the field ready for the great work.

Fraternally, JNO. A. FOSTER,
Chairman.

36. The following standing committees were announced by the Moderator.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Sabbath Schools—R. L. Baker, G. B. Thomas and Mr. L. Long.
State Misssions –W. A. Bishop, M. Jones and A. W. Beverly.
Home Missions—A. B Starke, J. A. Cobb and H. W. B. Price.
Foreign Missions—W. S. Paullin, W. H. Lanier and James Fenn.
Obituaries—R. R. Gary, T. D. Morton and J. A. Green.
Education—E. S. Shorter, J. D. Roquemore and Exton Tucker.
Indignet Ministers—J. E. McCormick, J. J. S. Willis and J. G. Sinquefield.
Bible and Colportage Work—H. B. Florence, Geo. Boyer and J. U. Roquemore.
Evangelization of the Colored People—A. H. Borders, A. H. Steven and D. H. Blair.

37. On motion of A. B. Starke, the minute fund amounting to $34.20 was ordered turned over to the Clerk for the publication of the minutes.

38. All unappropriated funds were ordered turned over to the State Mission Board for apportionment.

39. The following resolution was offered by E. L. Graves and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Hurtsboro and vicinity for their princely hospitality and also to the railroads for reduction of fare to delegates.

40. No committee having been appointed to consider the circular of the State Mission Board, the report of the committee for that purpose made last year was adopted as follows :

REPORT ON CIRCULAR OF STATE MISSION BOARD.

The Committee on Circular of State Mission Board made the following report, to-wit :

We recommend that the churches endeavor to raise the sums below stated for the different objects fostered by this Association, as follows :

Bethlehem	$ 50 00
Centre Ridge	35 00
Clayton	80 00
Cowikee	50 00
Enon	30 00
Eufaula	400 00
Evergreen	15 00
Glennville	35 00
Hawkinsville	25 00
Hurtsboro	40 00
Midway	125 00
Mt. Moriah	20 00

Mt. Olive	25 00
Mt. Zion	85 00
New Hope	25 00
Pea Creek	20 00
Pine Grove	25 00
Pleasant Grove	15 00
Pleasant Hill	15 00
Prospect	25 00
Ramah	50 00
Union	35 00
Total	$1,225 00

41. On motion of W. C. Jordan, Ramah Church was made the place for holding the next session of the Association.

42. The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee made its report which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee have had the same under consideration and recommend its adoption and that the one hundred dollars now in the hands of the State Mission Board, unapplied be appropriated by the Board to the three, State, Home and Foreign Boards after its usual plan of apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. JORDAN,
R. L. BAKER,
W. A. BISHOP,
Committee.

43. On motion of A. B. Starke, $25 was ordered paid to the Clerk for his services.

44. The Association adjourned to meet with Ramah Church Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in Oct. 1886.

SATURDAY NIGHT—7 P. M.

45. Sermon by T. M. Bailey, text, II Cor. 5:21.

SUNDAY'S EXERCISES—9 A. M.

46. Sunday School addresses by W. S. Rogers and T. M. Bailey.

11 A. M.; at Baptist Church—Annual Missionary Sermon by G. A. Nun-

nally, text: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim. 1:15.

11 A. M.; at Methodist Church—Sermon by A. VanHoose, text: Rom. 6:23.

11 A. M.; at Colored Baptist Church—Sermon by A. H. Borders, text: II Cor. 5:

3 P. M.; at Baptist Church—Sermon by E. Y. VanHoose. text: Col. 4:5.

3 P. M.; at Methodist Church—Sermon by W. H. Patterson, text: Is. 50:10.

7 P. M.; at Baptist Church—Sermon by W. S. Rogers, text: Mat. 3:17.

W. H. PATTERSON, Moderator.

W. S. ROGERS, Clerk.

FOURTH ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE EUFAULA ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH

CLAYTON BAPTIST CHURCH MAY 28-30, 1885.

FRIDAY, MAY 28,—8 P. M.

Introductory sermon by Dr. B. C. Bennett.

SATURDAY, MAY 29.

The meeting was called to order by W. S. Rogers, and was organized by the electon of A. B. Starke, President and L. K. Faulk, Secretary.

After devotional exercises, all Baptists present were made members of the Convention by motion.

The following churches were represented: Eufaula, Clayton, Bethlehem, Centre Ridge, Ramah, Mt. Olive, Pine Grove.

Verbal reports were made from the various Sunday Schools represented.

Bro. B. Davie was appointed to prepare a memorial to the Association, requesting that body to instruct the Executive Committee to publish a programme for our Sunday School

The subject "Qualification and Duties of Teachers" was discussed by Brethren J. A. B. Berson and A. B. Starke.

The subject "Teaching with a Purpose" was discussed by Brethren Z. T Weaver, B. Davie, W. S. Rogers, Jonathan Thornton and J. A. B. Berson

The pastor and deacons of Clayton Church were appointed a committee on preaching.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3 P. M.

After devotional exercises the subject "What results should we expect

from Sunday School work ?" was discussed by Brethren J. M. Thornton, W. A. Bishop and W. S. Rogers.

The subject "How should we teach Baptist views in the Sunday School ?" was discussed by Brethren J. J. S. Willis, J. M. Thornton, Z. T. Weaver, J. A. B. Berson and W. S. Rogers.

At 8:30 p. m., sermon by Z. T. Weaver.

SUNDAY—9 A. M.

Sunday School addresses by J. M. Thornton, J. A. B. Berson and J. J. S. Willis.

At 11 a. m. sermon by Rev. Z. T. Weaver.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

L. B. STARKE, Moderator.

L. K. FAULK, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE—EUFAULA ASSOCIATION, 1885.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Died	Dismiss'd by lett'r	Exclud'd & drop'd	Present Membership.	Reports Prayer Meetings	Preaching Sabbaths	Preaching Saturday before.	Reports Reviv'ls.	No. in Sabbath School.	Rec'd into church from Sab. Sch'l.	Contributed by Sabbath School.	Months S S open.	Church Property.	Church Repairs.	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Purposes.	Students' Fund South Baptist Theol. Sem.	Student Howard College.	Aged and Infirm Ministers.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Bible Work.	Evangelization of Col'd People.	Total .....
Bethlehem	N. C. Underwood	D. L. McRae	Clayton.	3	1		1	5	2	84	No	2	Yes	Yes	35	1	$	6	$500	$	$ 150	$17 30			$	$	$	$		$	$ 17 30
Centre Ridge	Z. T. Weaver	J. J. S. Willis	Mt. Andrew	7	3	1		8	2	89	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	30			9	400		110	25 00									25 00
Clayton	W. S. Rogers	B. Davie	Clayton.	4	6			7	1	73	Yes	1-3	No	Yes	66	3		12	500		350	56 06				10 87	8 35				80 00
Cowikee	Z. T. Weaver	J. E. Moore	Batesville				2			29	No			Yes							125	1 00					13 00				14 00
Enon	W. S. Rogers	J. Milner	Midway		1		2	2		27	No	2	Yes	No					300	75 00	150	22 60									22 60
Eufaula	G. A. Nunnally	Geo. B. Davis	Eufaula	12	15		5	17		297	Yes	Ev'	No	Yes	200	12	16 64	12	40000	600 00	1 500	4 45				153 75	72 15	85 00		15 00	330 55
Evergreen	R. H. Chesser	W. D. Bludworth	Star Hill	3	1	2		3	4	48	No	4		Yes					50			1 50					2 75	2 75			7 00
Glennville	I. P. Cheney	E. N Stewart	Glennville					2		32		4	No	No					800		125	4 00			3 00	5 00	5 00	5 00			22 60
Hawkinsville		H. Hawkins	Hawkinsvile							11	No		No	No					100												
Hurtsboro	I. P. Cheney	M. L. Long	Hurtsboro	19	8			9		74	Yes			Yes	75	6		9	1200		200	40 00									40 00
Midway	W. H. Patterson	M. W. Hall	Midway	18	6			10		125	Yes	1-3	Yes	Yes	100	17	5 00	12			450	156 00									156 00
Mt. Moriah	Not Represented	Not Represented																												
Mt. Olive	Z. T. Weaver	W. A. Bishop	Clayton.	1	3			8		35	No		Yes	Yes	45						100	1 00					14 00	5 00			20 00
Mt. Zion	J. O. Hixson	R. L. Baker	Three Notch		1		3	3		56	No	2-4	No	No					1000		300	64 80									64 80
New Hope	A. H. Borders	C. Gachet	Mt. Andrew		2			2		26	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	19			5	75		75	16 75									16 75
Pea Creek	N. C. Underwood	J. A. Miles	Louisville				1	1		35	No	2	No	No								9 00									9 00
Pine Grove	Z. T. Weaver	Geo. Boyer	Eufaula.		1			2		33	No	1	Yes	No							100	8 50									8 50
Pleasant Grove	A. H. Borders	J. U. Spires	Clayton.	2		1	1	1	2	74	No	1	No	Yes					50		50	1 50					3 00	3 00			7 50
Pleasant Hill	W. H. Patterson	E. Franklin	Howe							11	No	5	No	No					300							2 00	1 00	1 00			4 00
Prospect	R. B. Arnold	A. J. Norton	Clayton.	1	3		1	1		106	Yes	4	Yes	Yes					500		100	28 00									28 00
Ramah	A. H. Borders	W. P. Gary	Harris	5		1	1	8	1	68	No	4	Yes	Yes	53	6	14 00	9	1000		150	39 35									39 35
Sardis	W. H. Adams	J. W. Armstrong	Pea River		3					20	No	1	Yes	No							40	1 00									1 00
Union	A. H. Borders	J. T Watkins	Clayton.	1	2	3	1	7		86	Yes	3	Yes	Yes					400	10 00	85	20 10									20 10
Sunday Collection																														69 36
			Totals	76	56	8	18	96	12	1439					623	45	$35 64		47,175	685 00					3 00					15 00	1002 81

EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—HISTORICAL.

Session.	Year.	CHURCHES.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	Membership.	Contributions.
1	1854	Eufaula	Jno. Gill Shorter	P. M. Callaway	*	*
2	1855	Clayton	Joel Sims	D. McKenzie.	1399	$316 20
3	1856	Mt. Zion, Macon, Co.	W. W. Battle	P. M. Callaway	1493	402 50
4	1857	Pleasant Hill	" "	" "	1585	732 00
5	1858	Cowikee.	" "	H. J. Irby	1953	1244 85
6	1859	Midway	" "	J. S. Paullin.	1866	1091 88
7	1860	Glennville.	" "	" "	1976	1057 35
8	1861	Bethlehem	" "	" "	2009	993 65
9	1862	Ramah	" "	" "	2051	866 70
10	1863	Centre Ridge	P. M. Callaway.	" "	2210	1333 55
11	1864	Eufaula	W. W. Battle	" "	2397	9764 95
12	1865	Clayton.	" "	" "	2419	349 60
13	1866	Mt. Zion, Macon Co.	" "	" "	2334	586 83
14	1867	Mt. Pleasant	" "	" "	2189	720 76
15	1868	Cowikee	" "	" "	1714	1635 00
16	1869	Midway	" "	" "	1523	772 00
17	1870	Pleasant Hill	" "	" "	1287	682 95
18	1871	Bethlehem	" "	" "	1235	565 70
19	1872	Ramah	" "	" "	1519	584 90
20	873	Midway	" "	" "	*	*
21	1874	Eufaula	" "	" "	*	*
22	1875	Mt. Zion, Bullock Co.	" "	" "	*	*
23	1876	Enon	" "	" "	1405	465 03
24	1877	Pine Grove	W. H Patterson	" "	1384	784 92
25	1878	Clayton.	" "	" "	1403	922 10
26	1879	Pleasant Hill	" "	" "	1363	949 40
27	1880	Midway	" "	" "	1350	1107 10
28	1881	Bathlehem	" "	" "	1381	1113 40
29	1882	Cowikee	" "	Wm. A. Davis	1412	1385 90
30	1883	Eufaula	" "	" "	1480	1037 45
31	1884	Prospect	" "	" "		
32	1885	Hurtsboro	" "	W. S. Rogers.	1439	933 45

*Not reported.

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